Organ Donor Program Highlights

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If your office needs more of the following, please contact us:

- Brochures
- Organ Donor Plate Flyers
- Actual Sample Size
 License Plate on Foam
 Board
- Posters

TOP OFFICES FOR FOURTH QUARTER April June 2008

April—June 2008

Registry Enrollments

Greenfield Contract Office	81%
Liberty Contract Office	54%
Des Peres Contract Office	53%
Revenue Collected Lamar Contract Office	32%
Hartville Contract Office	29%

Registry Enrollments and Revenue Collected Greenfield Contract Office 42%

Registry Total as of July 2008: 2,430,747

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Changes in State Law Strengthen the Organ and Tissue Donor Registry WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU?

The organ donation question has changed to: "Do you authorize a symbol to be placed on your license indicating your consent to be listed as an organ, eye and tissue donor in the donor registry?"

As of August 28, 2008 each person answering "Yes" to the new organ donor question will be placed in the new "first-person consent" registry. A patron's decision is now legally binding and family consent is no longer required, ensuring the donor's decision will be honored. First-person consent makes their decision final unless revoked in a manner provided by law. Patrons who answer yes will also see a symbol on the front of DONOR their driver/non driver license.

Some patrons may have enrolled previously, but will need to sign up again starting August 28th and are encouraged to sign up every time they renew their driver/nondriver license. This helps maintain the

most current information in the registry and verify they still want to be an organ, eye and tissue donor registry. Each patron is to be handed a brochure provided by the Organ onor Program. If a patron says

Donor Program. If a patron says 'No, I'm already in the registry," please clarify if they want to remain in the registry, they will need to enroll at this time. This will cut

down on the amount of additional requests for verification the patron will receive.

Why is this important for you as a revenue clerk? For some patrons, this may be the first time they hear the law has changed or have been asked the question. Therefore it is important the question is consistently asked of all patrons. The Department of Revenue enrolls approximately 98% of all organ, tissue and eye donor registry participants. The consent enrollments processed by you, as a revenue clerk, will critically impact many lives in the future.

How do you handle questions? The program is aware this change may spark questions, many of which you may feel uncomfortable answering. To resolve this issue, you will be handing each patron a brochure that will answer many questions and provide a way to get more information. We anticipate brochures will be delivered to your office by August 28th. In addition, a frequently asked questions document is being developed and will be sent to you upon completion to use as a resource. If you have questions, don't hesitate to call tollfree 888-497-4564.

Remember
YOU HAVE THE POWER TO
HELP SAVE LIVES!